To Anne Crosfield Secy Liverpool
Negro's friend Society —

GARRISON MSS.

Dear Madam

The address from your ~~Society~~ which we recent
expressive of so much sympathy for the
enslaved & for ourselves ~~has been received~~
& is gratefully appreciated by our society
Probably from the intimacy of the
Commercial relations between Liverpool
& the U.S. & the greater facilities for immediate
Communication you are fully aware — more
so perhaps than any other English women
can be, of the difficulties we have to encounter.
~~in our efforts for the abolition of Slavery~~

You have many opportunities for seeing how
in the political in the mercantile & in the religious
community the interests of the Northern & Southern
States are inseparably linked together like the
roots of ~~a forest tree~~ beneath the soil & how
sincerely ~~expressed~~ with for the abolition of
~~attempts to touch~~ Slavery ~~cause discountenance~~
has heretofore but served to show how intimately the

therefore prostitution
the Slave States had become interwoven with those
of the Non-mally Free States.

We rejoice to say that the efforts of the abolitionists have not been entirely in vain. In two of the N. E. States Massachusetts & Connecticut decisions have been obtained of their Supreme Judicial Courts that a Slave, brought hither by his master from the South is free. And in Ohio a similar case is pending with good hope of a successful issue. Throughout the N England States the people are beginning to perceive that they have been deceived by those in whom they trusted respecting the abolitionists. Outrages against Freedom are becoming less frequent, the tone of the Abolition Press as a class less virulent. The clergy remain immoved, a clog upon the wheels of a Cause which every sincere clergyman cannot but feel to be his own & a part & parcel of his mission to men. The Southern Legislatures, whose for long time past renounced great finding their appeals to those of the North to convict their citizens of Crime if they ventured to express the opinion that Slavery was a sin which ought to be immediately

repentance &c; have seemed doubtful what step to take next. But the Governor of Virginia has at length led the way in imprisoning one of the society of friends in Virginia for the crime of attending this yearly meeting in Pennsylvania, & there endeavouring to get an unusually moderate address issued (and circulated) & many copies of that address in Virginia. Not content with this, he has demanded of Gov Ritner of Pennsylvania, the clerks of that meeting. On the whole the aspect of the cause is exceedingly encouraging. In our own little department of it, we are endeavouring to sustain those who feel a call to the work, to preach deliverance to the slave & repentance to the master throughout the land. Our present ways & means for raising funds are small — but we have resolved that nothing shall be left unpursued that I can accomplish. But the utmost we can do is but as a drop to the ocean yet are we as truly responsible for it as our efforts alone could immediately bring repentance to every heart & peace to every slave accomplish all we wish & pray for. I enclose copies of the proceedings a a Convention of American Women recently held at York

I think the circumstances of the address to the Women of the North emanating from South Carolina & from one so intimately acquainted with all the bearings of the subject as Mary Grimké will do much to deprive the name of our friends of the excuses in which they often take shelter. With the charge with grateful assurances of affectionate respect I am

Yours in behalf of the B. F. A. S. S.

H. W. Chapman

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